



BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS

A N N U A L R E P O R T

ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR 1968



REPORT PRESENTED BY
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS.

Annual Report on the Health of the District for the Year 1968.

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BOROUGH OF CLIFTON DARTMOUTH HARDNESS

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1968

p r e f a c e

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Report on the health of the District during 1968. Included in the Report is the Report of your Public Health Inspector.

Statistics.

The number of births dropped to 65 giving a Standardised rate of 10.3 per thousand which is below the National Average of 16.9. Deaths also decreased to 79 with a Standardised rate of 10.3 per thousand which is less than the National Average of 11.9. There were no infant deaths.

As usual approximately 50% of the deaths were due to diseases of the heart and circulation and 25% were due to cancer.

The number of inhabited houses increased to 2747 and the Rateable Value and Penny Rate also increased in value.

Infectious Diseases.

The total number notified dropped to 79 but the variety increased. Infectious Hepatitis (Infective or Catarrhal Jaundice) was made notifiable during the year and one case was notified. One outbreak of Anthrax on a farm occurred in May in the District. The Police took control under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and your Public Health Inspector advised the farmer as to precautions to take to prevent human infection occurring.

Environmental Health.

From a Public Health viewpoint I am delighted that the Borough Council decided to close the refuse tip at Jawbones and transport all refuse to a large tip at Molescombe in the Kingsbridge Rural Area. Although controlled tipping was employed at Jawbones there were frequent fires and from the scenic point of view the tip, being on top of a hill, was prominent and overlooked the Borough. Also a problem arose there over the control of rats.

Your Public Health Inspector had a busy year as can be seen from his section of this Report. He carried out 1,337 visits during the year.

No action was necessary for the compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, and no persons were buried in accordance with Section 50 of the same Act.

John Wildman.

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1969.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee from May until September, 1968, was Alderman Mr. R.M. HOARE. After that date public health matters were dealt with by a newly constituted Public Health and Housing Committee the Chairman of which was Alderman A.J. MASHFORD.

S E C T I O N A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1968

(Table 1)

(Figures for 1967 are shown in brackets)

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Dartmouth Borough

7,160 (7,190)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	...	- 29	(- 12)
Migration in or out	...	...	...	+ 1	(+ 192)
Total increase or decrease	...	...	...	- 30	(+ 180)

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in Acres... 1,925

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books (31st March)

2,747 (2,663)

Number of Houses per acre	...	...	...	1.428	(1.384)
Number of Persons per acre	...	...	...	3.719	(3.736)
Number of Persons per house	...	...	...	2.606	(2.700)

Rateable Value of District (31st December, 1968)

£224,175 (£218,763)

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

£863 (£845)

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1968

(Table 2)

(Figures for 1967 are shown in brackets)

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 10.3 (12.9)

Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.13 (1.13)

<u>Number of Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Total</u>	30	35	65
Legitimate	30	31	61
Illegitimate	0	4	4
<u>Number of Still Births</u>	1	0	1

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population 10.3 (12.2)

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.94 (0.93)

<u>Number of Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>All Ages - Total</u>	48	31	79
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u>	0	0	0
Number under 4 weeks of age	0	0	0
Number under 1 week of age	0	0	0

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 0.0 (37.0)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE: 16.9 (17.2) DEATH RATE: 11.9 (11.2)

Infantile Mortality Rate: 18.0 (18.3)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1968

(Table 1)

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Age Group in Years</u>					
		<u>Under</u> 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	<u>Over</u> 65
Measles	60	0	29	31	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	4	0	3	1	0	0	0
Dysentery	6	0	2	2	0	2	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pneumonia	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
Infective Hepatitis	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3	0	0	0	0	2	1

(Table 2)

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Incidence by Quarters</u>				
		<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	
Measles	60	0	53	7	0	
Whooping Cough	4	0	2	0	2	
Dysentery	6	0	0	0	6	
Scarlet Fever	1	0	1	0	0	
Pneumonia	4	3	1	0	0	
Infective Hepatitis	1	0	0	1	0	
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	3	1	1	0	1	

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

In accordance with the requirements of the World Health Regulations certificates of Smallpox and Cholera vaccinations in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department.

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1968

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
ALL CAUSES	48	31
B17 Syphilis and its sequelae	1	0
B19(1) Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	2
B19(2) Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	0	1
B19(3) Malignant neoplasm - breast	0	2
B19(5) Leukaemia	1	0
B19(6) Other malignant neoplasms, etc.	8	4
B21 Diabetes mellitus	2	1
B46(4) Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	1	0
B27 Hypertensive disease	0	1
B28 Ischaemic heart disease	13	3
B29 Other forms of heart disease	3	3
B30 Cerebrovascular disease	8	4
B46(5) Other diseases of circulatory system... ..	3	2
B31 Influenza... ..	0	2
B32 Pneumonia... ..	2	2
B33(1) Bronchitis and emphysema... ..	1	0
B46(6) Other diseases of respiratory system... ..	0	1
B34 Peptic ulcer	1	0
B46(7) Other diseases of digestive system	0	1
B46(8) Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	0
B46(9) Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	1	0
BE47 Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
BE48 All other accidents	0	1

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR DARTMOUTH.

LABORATORY SERVICE.

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Exeter and Plymouth.

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES.

The following are some of the County Council Services under the National Health Service Act, 1946, available at Dartmouth. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service at Dartmouth, now radio controlled from Torquay, is operated by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. (Telephone: Torquay 39345). Except in emergency, an ambulance should be ordered by a medical practitioner.

Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres.

Domiciliary Midwives and District Nurses are available (Telephone: Dartmouth 2247), also a Health Visitor (Telephone: Stoke Fleming 243). The main welfare centre is at 1, Mayor's Avenue, (Telephone: Dartmouth 2845), and another at Townstal.

Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus & Poliomyelitis Immunisation.

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help Service.

Applications for this service should be addressed to the Local Organiser at 6, Fair View Road, Dartmouth. (Telephone: Dartmouth 2505).

A charge may be made for this service, in accordance with the County Council's assessment scale.

Mental Health.

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Worker in Mental Health, D.C.C. Clinic, "Rosabelle", Higher Plymouth Rd., Totnes. (Telephone: Totnes 3534).

Help in respect of mentally subnormal persons can be obtained by application to the County Medical Officer.

Chiropody Service.

A County Council Chiropodist operates a foot clinic at the Welfare Centre, 1, Mayor's Avenue (Telephone: 2845). Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mothers who might be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses, and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Sessions are held every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesday each month, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on the third Monday each month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

The Dartmouth and Kingswear Hospital (23 beds) is administered by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee. Patients from Dartmouth also attend the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, which is the principal general hospital for the area. Chronic sick can receive treatment at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, and at Newton Abbot Hospital.

All the above beds are managed by the Torquay Hospital Management Committee within the South-Western Regional Hospital Board. The Devon County Council provides 24 beds at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, and 15 beds at Newton Abbot Hospital, for the care of aged persons, under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES.

There are 4 General Medical Practitioners and 2 Dentists at Dartmouth. There is also a school dental clinic at the Welfare Clinic, 1, Mayor's Avenue, Dartmouth.

OTHER SERVICES.

A rest room for elderly people functions at Market Street. It is comfortably furnished and light refreshments may be obtained. Meals-on-wheels are distributed by W.R.V.S. volunteers and delivered twice weekly.

A Family Planning Clinic is held at the main Welfare Centre on the first Wednesday evening of each month commencing at 6.30 p.m., and on the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Blood Transfusion Donor Sessions at Dartmouth are periodically arranged by the S.W. Blood Transfusion Service.

The Council owns a steam operated disinfecter which is in regular use. There is also a mortuary managed by the Council.

S E C T I O N C.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1968.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1968 and in doing so wish to thank my colleagues in other Departments for their help and co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

V. E HUGHES.

Public Health Inspector.

June, 1968.

WATER SUPPLY.

PUBLIC Source of Supply.

Drinking water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board from their moorland supplies on Dartmoor and the Norton Reservoir at Dartmouth.

South West Devon Water Board.

With the exception of a few private supplies mentioned below the Board supplies water to the whole of the town. The Board regularly takes samples of water for bacteriological examination.

We appreciate very much the way the Board have co-operated during the year and their prompt response to calls made upon them when urgent repairs have been required to water mains. The water supplied to the Borough is not plumbo-solvent.

PRIVATE Sources of Supply.

There are 32 properties in the Borough deriving water from private springs or shallow wells. Most of these properties are too remote from the mains supply to make connections economically possible.

A total of 32 water samples was taken from private supplies and 9 samples showed evidence of bacteriological contamination in varying degrees. Consumers were advised to boil the water for human consumption when contamination was confirmed.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

There are 9 main sewer outfalls belonging to the Council and these discharge into the tidal waters of the estuary of the River Dart.

During 1968 routine water sampling from the River Dart, adjacent to sewage outfalls from the Borough, was continued. Three samples were taken. Overall the samples showed a decrease in contamination over the previous year. However variations can be accounted for by the state of the tide and the volume of water running down the river when the samples are taken. It is found that the greatest degree of contamination occurs at low water. Rapid dilution occurs with a high tide or heavy rainfall.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The refuse tip at Jawbones, which had been in use for over thirty years, was closed early in the year. Tipping was continued at Molescombe, some thirteen miles distant in the Kingsbridge R.D.C. area. The cost of controlling the tip is shared with Kingsbridge Urban and Rural Districts and Salcombe U.D.C. Household refuse continues to be collected weekly.

Trade refuse is collected twice weekly, free of charge. Any special collections are charged for at the rate of one shilling per bin; this applied particularly to some food premises in the summer months where twice weekly collection was found to be insufficient.

Each year the weekly total of refuse increases with the increased number of houses and business premises, and influx of summer visitors.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Infectious Illness.

Seventy nine cases of infectious illness were notified. Measles predominated. No cases of suspected food poisoning were notified. There were three cases of dysentery investigated during the year. The two homes affected were visited during the period that the disease was active. With the co-operation of the householders with regard to hygiene the cases were soon cleared up.

Disinfection and Disinfestation.

The Steam Disinfector was tested by the insurers during the year and found in good working order. There were 36 articles treated. Most of the articles were dealt with on behalf of the hospital authorities. The cost of treatments was fully recovered.

Six houses were treated for vermin, and notice was given to clear accumulations of refuse at eight premises.

Caravan Sites.

Licensed caravan sites are limited to Norton Park where two sites were licensed for 30 and 85 caravans respectively. In addition the erection of 72 chalets was completed on an adjoining site. These were limited to summer occupancy.

The annual survey made in August on behalf of the County Council shewed that there were 3 caravans occupied residentially, 51 as static holiday caravans, and 32 tourist caravans in use. The 72 chalets were also fully occupied at that time. The new open air swimming pool was well patronised and samples of water from it were satisfactory. No complaints were received concerning the caravan or chalet site, and periodic visits failed to find any contraventions of the licence conditions.

Roadside Camping.

There were no cases of roadside camping found during the year.

Holiday Cottages.

Holiday cottages at Compass Cove were all inspected prior to opening for the season and were well conducted during the summer. The private water supply, which is derived from a shallow well, was sampled periodically and found free from bacterial contamination. No complaints were received and the site was found very satisfactory on all occasions when visited.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no registered common lodging houses in the Borough.

HOUSING.

Inspections.

A total of 255 properties in the Borough were visited under the Public Health and Housing Acts during 1968. They were dealt with on 664 occasions principally by inspection or reinspection where notices were served for the remedy of defects or where defects were suspected or complained of.

343 complaints were received and dealt with during the year. The following list gives a summary of repair work completed and inspected:-

Roofs	8
External walls	11
Internal plastering... ..	13
Ceilings	4
Floors	6
Windows... ..	5
Chimneys	5
Fireplaces	1

Drainage.

Inspections made	97
Tests carried out	32
Drains repaired	56
Rainwater pipes and gutters	14
New drains laid (excluding new properties)	23
Inspection chambers built or repaired	16
Number of Informal Notices served and completed ...	120
Number of Statutory Notices served and completed ...	4

Overcrowding.

Eleven cases of suspected overcrowding were investigated during the year. Eight were confirmed, all of which were in Council property. Four of these were rehoused by the end of the year, and suitable houses were to be found for the remainder early in the new year.

Substandard Housing.

No houses were demolished. One was closed for human habitation by a Closing Order. One house, which was previously closed by agreement, was made fit and the agreement was lifted.

Rent Act, 1957.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

Improvement Grants.

Twenty nine properties were inspected in connection with applications for improvement grants; altogether 65 visits of advice were made. Seventeen were completed and grants paid in connection therewith amounted to £3887. 17. 7. No application for the compulsory improvement of a house was made by any tenant.

Council Houses.

During the year a survey was made of council houses which were thought to be overcrowded or underoccupied, the idea being to get an exchange agreement to move small families in large houses to smaller houses and thus make the larger ones available for overcrowded families. The survey was very well received by tenants, and, although no persuasion was made, there was a fair response and some useful exchanges were made. Altogether 97 houses were visited in this connection.

Fourteen applicants for Council houses were visited in connection with rehousing; reports were submitted to the Housing Officer.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Milk Supply.

There are four registered dairies in the Town. There are also seven retail shops licensed to sell bottled milk. Two farms are registered for the sale of tuberculin tested farm bottled milk. The remaining farmers dispatch all milk produced to a central pasteurising plant. All the milk supplied to schools was pasteurised. Samples of school milk, when tested, gave satisfactory results.

Milk Samples.

Twenty five samples of milk were sent to the laboratory for the methylene blue cleanliness test. Six failed the test and the remainder passed. Failures were investigated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

Three samples of cream were taken and all passed the cleanliness, pasteurisation and faecal coli tests. Twenty two samples were submitted for the Brucellosis test and all were declared free from evidence of disease.

No complaints involving the milk supply to the Town was received during the year.

Food Premises.

During the year over 673 visits were made to the market and 109 food premises in the Town. Details are as follows:-

<u>Number and Type of Food Premises</u>	<u>Visits.</u>
Market and Stalls (10 Stallholders)	46
20 Cafes and Restaurants, Canteens	153
18 Bakehouses and Confectioners	107
26 Hotels and Licensed Premises	91
27 Ice Cream Premises	36
6 Wet and Fried Fish Shops	12
9 Butchers and 2 Mobile Shops	87
22 Fruit and Grocery	118
4 Dairies	23

Two grocers, 1 fish shop, 1 greengrocer, 1 butcher, 1 bakehouse and 1 cafe closed during the year.

Faults found on periodic visits and infringements remedied are listed as follows:-

New ventilation system.
Redecoration of premises (5 cases).
Percolation of drainage (2 cases).
Improved lavatory accommodation..

Ice Cream.

At the start of the year there were 27 premises registered and selling ice cream. Two of these are registered for manufacture. One retailer ceased selling ice cream during the year.

Thirty two samples of ice cream were taken for bacterial examination. 20 of the samples were placed in Grade I (satisfactory), 10 in Grade II (fair), 2 in Grade III (unsatisfactory), and none in Grade IV (very bad).

Unsound Food.

Food inspected and surrendered by retailers as being unfit for human consumption, is listed below:-

<u>Canned Food.</u>	<u>lb.</u>	<u>Canned Food.</u>	<u>lb.</u>	<u>Other Food.</u>	
Ham	352	Soup	9	Beef	172 lbs.
Peaches	15	Beans	7½	Cheese	1 lb.
Pears	4	Mixed vegetables	1	Pickles	2 lbs.
Grapefruit	1	Tomatoes	3	Pork	100 lbs.
Pineapple	8½	Luncheon Meat	2½	Roast Pork	5½ lbs.
Potatoes	2	Fruit Cocktail	5		
Peas	21	Pilchards	3½		
Carrots	2	Rice	2		
Spaghetti	1	Strawberries	2		
Milk	2½	Cherries	3		
Salmon	1				

Food Samples.

The following is a summary of the samples taken in Dartmouth during 1968:-

26 samples of Milk of which 25 were completely satisfactory. The remaining 1 showed a fat deficiency which was dealt with by prosecution.

13 samples of foodstuffs, other than milk, were submitted to the Public Analyst, all of which were found to be genuine with the exception of some pasties which were found to be deficient in meat content. The manufacturers were cautioned.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Rodent Control.

The Operator works half-time on Rodent Control and half-time on general duties. This arrangement was adequate to control infestation. The table below summarises the action taken during the year.

<u>Properties other than Sewers.</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non-Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of Properties in District	2805	16
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	204	2
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	147	2
(ii) Mice	32	2
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	6	0
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	3	0
(ii) Mice	2	0

Sewers infested by rats during the year - Nil.

Early in the year the refuse tip at Jawbones, some three miles out of the Town, was closed after being in use for over 30 years. Although it had been treated for rats during the whole of this time and was thought to be fairly clear, there was a general evacuation of rats and many properties in the Town became infested. The Rodent Operator was put on a full time basis, and outside Contractors were called in to assist. The situation was brought under control in about a month. There have been comparatively few reported infestations since.

Farms.

Fifty two visits were made to farms in connection with rodent control, milk supplies, private water supplies or The Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956. Some rat infestation was found and was successfully dealt with.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

There were no accidents reported during the year, and only one complaint. This was by the employees of a newsagent's shop on account of insufficient heat. I am pleased to say that this has now been satisfactorily dealt with.

Fourteen infringements of the Act were the subject of notices to the occupiers of the premises concerned. The majority of these were in connection with insufficient light. No resentment was experienced on visits to premises, and there has been noted a steady improvement of working conditions.

A summary of the annual return for the year 31st December, 1968, is as follows:-

Table A.

Registration and General Inspections.

<u>Class of Premises.</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>during 1968</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Regist-</u> <u>rations</u> <u>to date</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Registered</u> <u>premises</u> <u>inspected</u>
Offices	5	34	20
Retail Shops	5	73	34
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	0	0	0
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	0	29	22
Fuel Storage Depots	0	1	1
Totals	10	137	77

Table B.

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises:-

137

Table C.

Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by work place.

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
189	347	536

Class of Work Place.No. of Persons employed.

Offices	102
Retail Shops	249
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	0
Catering Establishments open to the public	172
Canteens	0
Fuel Storage Depots	13

Table D.
Exemptions.

Part I - Space (Section 5(2))	... Nil
Part II - Temperature (Section 6)	... Nil
Part III - Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9)	... Nil
Part IV - Washing Facilities (Section 10)	... Nil

Table E.
Prosecutions.

Nil.

Table F.
Inspectors.

No. of Inspectors appointed under
Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act ... 1

No. of other staff employed for
most of their time on work in
connection with the Act ... Nil

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There is only one registered user of Rag Flock. Supplies are obtained from licensed premises outside the Borough. No samples were taken during the year.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Periodic inspections under the Act were carried out and no notices were issued. Under the provisions of Section 40, suspension of the weekly half-day closing was sanctioned during the summer months.

PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES ACTS.

Number of Licences granted to store Petroleum ... 8

Number of Licences granted to store Mixed Explosives ... 9

All premises were inspected prior to the issue of licences. 32 visits were made to petroleum installations and 23 to premises storing explosives.

GAME ACT, 1831.

Four persons were licensed to deal in game.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

The Order makes it compulsory to boil all swill before it is fed to pigs. Premises so used are licensed by the County Council who delegate powers of inspection to the Local Authority. Only one was in use during the year after being re-licensed following improvements.

LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925.

During the year a total of 226 land charge enquiries were dealt with in the Public Health Department. This figure gives some indication of the number of properties changing hands. Unfortunately many of the houses so doing are lost to the resident population because they are converted for holiday use only, either as retreats or for summer letting. Most of them are sold at very enhanced prices which put them beyond the reach of most people on the housing waiting list, or of young married couples. It is found therefore that the stock of private houses to let falls each year thus creating a continuing demand for Council houses.

S E C T I O N D.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1968.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of Provisions as to health.

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power:
(Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	5
Inspections	...	...	...	...	3
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power:
(Section 7)

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	31
Inspections	...	...	...	...	51
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	1
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

(iii) Other Premises under the Act:
(Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworker's Premises).

Number on Register	...	...	...	...	0
Inspections	...	...	...	...	0
Written Notices	...	...	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	...	...	0

<u>Defect</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Defects referred</u>	
			<u>to H.M.</u>	<u>by H.M.</u>
			<u>Inspector</u>	<u>Inspector</u>
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	0	0	0	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted: Nil.

Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork.

(Sections 133 and 134)

	<u>Section 133</u>			<u>Section 134</u>	
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served
(1)	(1) (c) (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	0	0	0	0	0

(7) There were no prosecutions.

